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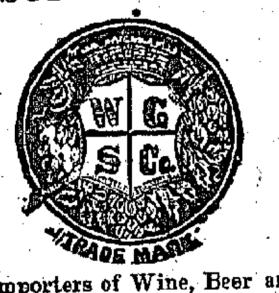
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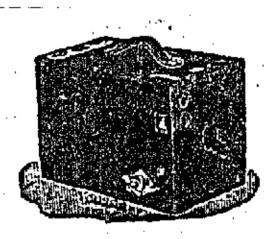
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HONGKONG OFFICE: 14. DESVŒUE ROAD CL LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C. Hongkong, December 29th, 1904.

One of the widest spread of Church legends has it that the Apostle Thomas had for his sphere of teaching Asia; and that he was successful in converting the Armenians the people of India, the Chinese, and the "Ethiopians" A later version of the legend relates how he was finally killed by an accident at a place called Mailapur, "the Peacock City," called by MARCO POLO Maabar, who gives the story of the death of the Apostle current in his time, and adds "Before he came to that place, where he thus died, he had been in Nubia, where he converted much people to the faith of Jesus CHRIST." By the XVIth century the story had attained such currency that in 1522 the Portuguese under the viceroyalty of DUARTE MENEZES actually appointed a commission to visit the site, where they found certain bones, which with great eclat-were transported to Goa, to the Church St. Thomas. where they are still to be seen.

Of course the older version mentioned in the apocryphal Acts, and referred to the IVth century, speaks of the translation of the body of the saint from his place of death to Edessa in Mesopotamia in the year 394 while St. JEROME, about the same date. mentions St. Thomas as having preached the faith in India, so that very respectable authority exists as to the connection of the saint with the Indian peninsula Still, in the face of the very serious discrepancies in the two stories, the more Rather do these words seem to be titles of sober historians have for the last two centuries, at least, been disposed to treat the entire story as little better than a monkish fable, and quite unworthy of credit. Of late

and which go far to strengthen the authon-lidentification. ticity of the older legend, and throw light on the actual evangelistic work of the would seem to be that there is strong up the results of his investigations. The and that his mission had considerable apocryphal works of the early Christian | Scyths, which up to about the sixth century ages which are now only beginning to attract | was the most powerful neighbour of the at the hands of historic students the attention they deserve, -not from their intrinsic he certainly travelled over the lands of the value, which is of the smallest, but from the curious sidelights they throw on many disputed questions in history, and the early | bably executed under one of the later expansion of the Christian religion. The original work seems to have been written about the latter part of the fifth century, but the oldest surviving transcript belongs to the year 936: the story as told is interesting. After the death of Jesus the Apostles Orfah in Mesopotamia. divided amongst themselves the countries to be evangelised, and India fell to the part of Thomas, who, however, showed little inclination for the task. Jesus himself appeared and caused Thomas to be sold to a merchant called HABBAN, who had received an order from the King of India, whose name was Gundaphar, to obtain an artist to construct and dedicate his palace. The two set out together and landed at a place called | have spoken. The Ethiopia intended was Sandaruk. Now who was this GUNDAPHAR, and what was his kingdom? From the evidence of coins a King belonging to the Indo-Scythic state which at one time of the great army which followed XERXES to possessed the valley of the Cabul River, called himself Gundopheres, and there is no doubt that the two were identical. But GUNDOPHERES is an unmistakeably Gothic name, the equivalent of Gundobert, a name well known elsewhere as Gundobert or in Afghanistan. The Church has fixed his GUNDOBALD. The Chinese writers here come to our aid, and we find he must have been the immediate successor of the king | connected with the octave of the Winter mentioned by Han writers as having crossed | Solstice of which it is the opening. the Hindu Kush a few years after the birth of Christ, and whom they call Kitolo; and whom we must identify with the Greek [31] KATULPHUS, whose plainly Teutonic form struck YULE as remarkable. From a comparison of the various transcriptious of the name, Chinese and Greek, there is little doubt that some such form as Gothic GUTHLAF was intended. Next as to the country where the Apostle landed, there is equally little doubt that he took the ordinary sea route traversed by the Greek merchants of the day, and landed at one of the sea ports at or near the mouth of the Indus in lower Scinde, which was, as we learn from both Greek and Roman authorities, the general method of going to the upper Punjab. Sandaruk, which has apparently stood in the way of previous commentators, is thus simply a corrupt rendering of Sanscrit Sindhu-rajya, the country of Sindhu, the contemporary name of the district. Here, the story tells us, they as sisted at the marriage ceremonies of the local Rajah's daughter, whose father afterwards helped them on their way to the Court of Gundophar, then, as we learn from other sources, situated at Parashawar, the present Peshawur. So far the local colouring of the tale is clear, and points to the I doubtful, however, thinks the Peking Times. writer as having had personal experience

Here, however, occurs a parrative more difficult of explanation. An individual named Siruz, plainly the common Persian SHAPUR, represented as a general in the service of King Mazdai, came to visit Thomas, and took him away in an ox carriage. Here a difficulty arises as to who was this King Mazdai, and here we must venture on conjecture. Amongst the coins of the country recently discovered are some that bear the strange superscription Saonanashao Bazedeo Koshano, regarding which a curious story has been elaborated of three kings, brothers, bearing the strange titles of Kaniska, Hushka and Jushka, an evident Mohammedan transliteration similar to such forms as YAGUJ and MAGUJ, &c. some of the later kings of the same country, that of Koshana, the modern Kesh. The first inscription to be noticed is plain,

of the route: what follows is more difficult.

Thomas in due course received payment for

his work, and earned, according to the

chronicler, besides, as a reward for his good

works, his wages in Heaven. He had suc-

ceeded in converting not only the King but

his brother GAD.

years more recent investigations into the . "Kshatra of Kshatra, king of Kushan"; early history of the old state of Gandhara I the other above described is possibly an roughly represented by modern Afghanis- attempt at a translation of the same into tan, assisted by the discovery in situ of a some Indian vernacular, and the name or nearly perfect sequence of coins, have title scoms to be identical with the Vasubrought to light unexpected coincidences deva of the Mathura inscriptions. Here he between the older legends and the sovereigns | converted many of the principal persons and place names of the valley of the Cabul about the Court, whose names so far as River, which cannot be merely accidental, given do not readily Land themselves to off Pulo San in the Rio Straits.

The result of these recent investigations Apostle. Mr. W. R. Philipps, in the ground for the old legend that St. Thomas Indian Antiquary, has lately been summing | really did come to the north-west of India, "Acts of St, Thomas" is one of those success in the Gethic Kingdom of the Indo-Persian Empire of the Sassanian, and that this subject. We have been told that no Pamirs, and at least as far into India itself as southern Scinde. He was proso-called Scythian kings, but his body was nevertheless buried in the royal sepulchre at Peshawur; whence towards the close of the fourth century it was removed and reinterred near the present Turkish town of

There does not appear the slightest ev dence of his ever having been so far east in India as the city of Madras, and we must dismiss as a late fable the story of his remains having been removed to Goa. There remains one other fact of which we have sent him to Nubia. Ethiopia was, however, the country of which Polo's informant must not the African, but the Asiatic Ethiopia spoken of by Heroporus whose inhabitants in connection with the Indians formed partthe attack on Grecce. They had, in opposition to the curly locks of the African Ethiopians, straight bair, and are to be looked for in the inhabitants of Beluchistan, and thus near neighbours of the Indo-Scyths festival on the 21st December, the reason of which is not very plain, but is probably

Mr. Probasco, whose name was mentioned in connection with a case at the Supreme Court yesterday, is said to be at Manila.

The Governor of Chekiang, in obedience to orders, is trying to enlist three thousand new troops to be drilled Japanese fashion.

The report that a leading Shanghai firm had received a telegram last week announcing the recall of the Baltic Fleet was a Bunder.

reports that on the 26th inst. a Japanese cruiser | tion last month. was anchored in the outer roads at Amoy.

Mr. W. St wart is the Hon. Secretary of the

Kowloon Dock Ball, to be held on the 30th inst., commencing at 8.30 p.m. Lieut. Lord Bernard C. Gordon-Lennox'

Grenadier Guards, has been seconded for service with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry at

Six signed receipts of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co. for sums amounting to over China Mutual's compradore, ...

The tea merchants are already taking steps to secure space for China teas in the Belgian exhibition, and arranging to have exhibit shipments passed through the Customs free. It is whether they will meet with as much success as they enjoyed in America.

In consequence of the decease of the Right Catholic Union, the Club was closed yesterday and the performances of "Ali Baba" have been postponed to the 4th and 6th prox. at 9 p.m., and the 7th prox. at 5 p.m. All seats booked are cancelled. New plans of seats are on view.

The Straits Times understands that there was some difficulty in fumigating the baggage of the Sherwood Foresters. A case of smallpox occurred on board the Avoca and the baggage was sent to the fumigating chamber at the foot of Fort Palmer. Then some important parts of the disinfecting nachinery were stolen.

The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association may have rifle practice at the King's Park Range, Kowloon, on Monday and Tuesday. 2rd and 3rd January, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rifles and ammunition can be obtained on the range. A regimental musketry instructor will be present at the range on both days The 400 yards range only will be available.

This item appeared in the Peking Times "The Japanese have bought 2,000,000 Dutch cheeses at Gouda-for food, not for ammunition.—This is a curious order, however, as the Japanese have no liking for cheese and abhorof the quality of the Gouda cheese sold in Japanese stores a few years ago, we are inclined Kshatra kehatraonam, cynisca Kushano, ammunition theory.

The American consulate at Shanghai is now in charge of Mr. J. W. Davidson, while Mr. Jno, Goodnow is in the United States. Dr. Knappe (Consul-General for Germany) is now the doyen.

Capt. Dunlop, of the s.s. Giang Seng, which a: rived at Singapore on December 15th from Samarang, reported that he picked up two Chinamen in the bottom of a fishing boat

The St. Petersburg Sect says-the English are terribly vexed that the trap which they hid in the North Sea did not bring the desired result, and the Japanese were woefully deceived in their expectations since their torpedo-beats in the North Sea did not succeed in damaging one Russian ship.

Another lengthy letter on the financial a fairs of the Mahommodan mosque has reached us but we are not disposed to publish any more or balance sheet of the Mahommedan Charity Funds has been published for five years. We have also been told there is a reason for it The latest letter throws no more light on the matter.

The Peking Times congratulates Mr. To ha Foley, Traffic Manager of the Imperial Railways, on the receipt of another decoration. Recently, General Petzel called on Mr. Foley and in the name of the Emperor William presented him with the handsome order of the Red Engle, in recognition of his services rendered to the German troops ever since the occupation.

At the 64th Annual Meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. held on the 13th December, the Directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of reasonable evidence. Polo, as we have seen, | 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred Stock, recommended a dividend on the Deferred Stock of 64 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 3 per cent., making, with the Interim Dividend of 3½ per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the Deferred Stock of 13 per cent. for the year.

> With respect to Bordeaux wines, Messrs. Gregor & Co. write: -Our reports to hand by to-day's French mail as to this year's vintage are satisfactory under every respect. The yield has not been excessive, but the quality both in ordinary wines and higher growths promises to be exceptionally good, these latter being especially very useful for bottling. The yield being only regular but quite sufficient in every district, the prices are likely to maintain themselves relatively low, and it is therefore to be hoped that 1904 vintage may be classed as to quality and price with that of 1898.

-Japan has renewed her demand for Cardiff steam coal. The quantity is not definitely known, but the orders have been placed with three Cardiff merchant firms, and these firms are now in the market offering freights for Shanghai. One of the best Admiralty collieries sold a parcel of 10,000 tons believed to be on Japanese account. Messrs. Moxey, Savor, and Co. have already chartered one steamer of 5,500. tons for Shanghai or Japan at a freight rate of 16s. A report that another steamer had been chartered at 18s. is contradicted, and firm Capt. Rouch, of the Douglas s.s. Haitan, offers of 17s. were known to be under considera-

A world's record in shooting has just been made by the battleship Casar, flagship of Lord Charles Beresford, who publicly congratulated the ship's crew. The total number of rounds fired from her 6-inch guns was 227, and the number of hits 149. This works out at 9.45 rounds per minute per gun and 6.2 hits per minute per gun. The practice with the 12-inch guns was hardly so satisfactory, although one man made six hits out of seven rounds fired. Each 6-inch gun was allowed two minutes to fire \$1,000 were yesterday found on Des Vœux at a target made of canvas, and measuring 2 ift. Road, Central, by Mr. C. M. da Silva, of the by-20ft, the range being 2,000 yards, opening Daily Press office, who handed them to the out to 2,600 yards. No one was allowed to assist the guns' craws, and no "spotting" was

A telegram to the Straits Times said : Consequent on the signing of the Franco-Siamese Convention, Siam has appointed M. Padoux, of the French Consular Service, to be Legal Adviser of the Siam Government. Colone Goullet has been appointed to command the native militia in the provinces of Battambong and Siemreap. Our contemporary commented Rev. Bishop Piazzoli, the President of the M. Padoux entered the French Consular service in 1890. He has spent the greater part of his career in Tunis, whence he comes to take up the appointment in Bangkok, M. Padoux is one of France's most brilliant Consular officers and has an excellent reputation. Regarding Col. Goullet we can find no refer nce. It is presumed that the command of a native militia regiment would not be given to a very prominent military officer.

"In my opinion," says a writer in Commercial Intelligence, "there exists in China splendid opportunity for many lines of business but unfortunately our own people do not for the most part master the difficulties of the language and customs of the people, and consequently business is going to Germans and others, who have taken the trouble to equip themselves more thoroughly for husiness in China. It is courting defeat for Europeans to go out to China to open up business there unless they are prepared to make themselves familiar with the manners of the people, to study their language, and to enter into their life. I believe that if men will go out prepared to work, and to fill the requisite conditions, there is a great field for them; but I should like to say here, most red even its smell a few years ago." In view emphatically, that firms who send out men whose only thought is to live as near as possible up to the manners of the English country to think there must be something in the gentleman, are doing an ill service not only to them elves, but to the nation itself."

It is announced in the Gazette that the King has granted unto Mr. Walter Dening authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the

Rising Sun, conferred upon him in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to the Emperor of Japan in his capacity of Professor of English Literature in the Second High School at Sendai.

Four time-expired employees at the Nava Yard, Messrs. Gray, Hedge, Varcoe and Bull received presentations the other evening from their Naval Yard colleagues. Mr. Gray-an inspector of fitters-and Mr. Helge-a storehouse-man-left for Home by the C.P.R. muil steamer yesterday. Mr. Varcoe-a boilermaker -and Mr. Bull -a founder-leave for home on Saturday.

The Sinwenpao states that the Shangpu has assented to the proposal of Shantung gentry to mark out commercial Settlements in Chouts'un and Weihsien, where foreigners may reside and trade, but that it is stipulated that there shall be no perpetual leases granted to foreigners as in Treaty ports; only temporary leases for a certain number of years, liable to renewal on expiration. Furthermore, no landholder car sell his land to foreigners, and poor natives desiring to sell their lands within the Settlement in question must sell to the official Land.

A bird fancier was before the Police Court yesterday morning to answer a charge of hawking without a licence. His wares-consisting of four coops of fowls-were brought along with him and placed outside the door of the large Court. As Mr. Gompertz was busily engaged deciding facts in cases, he was frequently disturbed by the loud crowing of several cocks. and at length ordered their removal. Chinese constable, in the execution of this duty, happened to break one of the coops, and the fowls got out. Then followed a worse commo. tion than ever.

A Peking letter states, according to the N.-C. Daily News, that a wealthy notable of Anhui province, named Sun, has succeeded in starting a Company for the establishment of a cotton spinning mill in the district of Pochou, in the same province. He has already obtained shares to the extent of Tls. 100,000, of which the Grand Secretary Wang Wenshao and Generals Ma Yu-k'un and Chiang Kuei-ti-the latter commanding the division of Viceroy Yuan Shihk'ai's foreign-modelled troops guarding the Imperial Palaces - have bought Tls. 60,000 worth. A special deputy, a sub-prefect named Tien Kuei, who has a little knowledge of English, it | is stated, has been appointed to go to the United States to purchase the necessary machinery for the proposed milk

#### "KING DODO."

On Saturday night the Pollard "kiddies" will introduce to Hongkong "King Dodo," an entirely new musical comedy, which according to a Shanghai contemporary has pretty music, smart dialogue, with much of the charm of a fairy tale to commend it to public favour. A brief outline of the comedy shows King Dodo as feeling the burden of his years hanging heavily upon him. He commands Mudge, these two, and funny situations.

Master Jack Pollard in the title role made a tremendous hit, it being a part that suits him admirably, while Miss Daphne Pollard in the part of Piola played the part in her well-known. versatile manner. Miss Olive Moore gave a wonderful performance of the part of Queen

The play is brimful of sparkling wit and merriment, and should not be missed by anyone who enjoys a capital night's entertainment "King Dodo" will be produced on Saturday, 31st December, and Monday, 2nd January. The company will leave for Manila on Tuesday, 3rd January, and from there on to Canada and the United States, where they are booked for a season covering some eighteen months.

#### SECRET SOCIETIES IN NORTH CHINA.

It is reported from Peking that members of secret societies from the Southern and Central provinces have been lately organising branch societies in the neighbourhood of Kalgan on the Childi-Mongolian frontier. The names of the secret societies are Tsaiyuan Hui (from South-western Childi), Hungehun Hui- (Honan province), and Santien Hui (from Kwangtung province). It is further stated that the emissaries of these societies have been very successful each society having obtained from 900 to 1.200 members, within the past three months. The authorities, however, appear to be aware of these things, and are preparing for eventualities.

#### WEATHER REPORT

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-On the 28th at 11,30 a.m. The barometer has fallen in Formosa and over the neighbouring to getting the cargo ashore and opening the portion of the Pacific, and has risen at all other | barrels. Meanwhile, the first night the Jappies

of China and is extending eastward towards | storming the garrison from within. While the

coast of China and fresh N.E. monsoon will be | would have an opportunity to place their scalingcontinued in the Formosa Channel and to the ladders and swarm over the walls unhindered. northward, and fresh to strong monsoon in the Thus the fortress would be taken and the

Forecast:-Fresh to strong E. winds, cloudy, | horse made to look like a bungling piece of

#### TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 26th December. Venezuela is placing gans in position, at La Cuayra and Puerto Carbello, it is supposed in view of the strong intimation from Washington that she must mend her ways and discharge her obligations to foreigners.

TROUBLE IN POLAND.

LONDON, 26th December.

A revolutionary demonstration took place on the 25th instant, at Radom, Poland, where mobilization was proceeding; a demonstrator fired on the troops and the Colonel in command was

#### NAVAL APPOINTMENT.

London; 26th December.

Rear-Admiral W. H. May has been appointed to the command of the Atlantic fleet, the appointment dating from March, with the rank of Vice-Admiral. This is evidently the outcome of the scheme of the 11th Dec mber.

#### THE WAR.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 26th December.

The latest Japanese successes at Port Arthur indicate that the Japanese are endeavouring to isolate the Liaotishan promontory.

The Nanshu Maru has left for Port Ar hur with ten foreign Attachés, some representatives of the Diet, and Press representatives, on board.

#### COLLISIONS IN THE HARBOUR.

The steam launch Wing Loi collided with a sampan yesterday afternoon close to the s.s. Telemachus at West Point. The sampan was capsized and the occupants thrown into the water, one boy being drowned, and unother boy and girl picked up by the crew of the Telemachus in an exhausted condition. While awaiting the arrival of an ambulance the officers of the above ship rendered first aid. The children were then conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Another collision, in which, fortunately, no fatalities resulted, was caused by the s.s. Whampoa running into a small boat and cutting it in two. The occupants were all rescued by the Police pinnace.

#### CHINESE COMBATANTS.

The Russian report that follows has several obvious improbabilities. The Peterburgskiy Listok has received from its correspondent at Kharbin the following telegram, the publication of which, it says, has been permitted by Lieutenant-Colonel Alexeieff: -

"To-day I received important information his court historian, to turn back the clock thirty | from an absolutely trustworthy source to the years. His command, however, though carried effect that General Okassimo and Colonel out, does not have the desired effect of making | Sibato, of the Japanese Army, have opened him feel younger. He then commands Dr. a recruiting station for Chinese at the village Fizz, his Court physician, to prepare some drug of Shilintin, eighty-five kilomètres from the which will bring back his youthful days Dr. station of Sin-min-ting. With the object of Fizz then prepares his marvellous Elixir of Life. | obtaining recruits, the Japanese have circulated which has the desired effect, and leads H.R.H. hundreds of thousands of copies of a Proclamainto many ludicrous adventures, finally ending | tion calling upon the Chinese to place themselves in his betrothal to Queen Lili, a neighbouring under the Japanese Flag to fight the Europeans, ruler. There is much smart dialogue between and pointing out that the Japanese and Chinese have the same religion and speak almost the same language (!) During the first few days after the issue of the Proclamation, as many as 7,000 recruits were enrolled daily, each man immediately receiving a Japanese uniform. The number of applicants subsequently dwindled, however, to 1,000 per day, owing to a misunderstanding with the Japanese authorities. The Chinese recruits, who are paid at the rate of 40 diaos a month, are known as Voluntary Militia. They are sent after enrolment to Yinkow, whence they are distributed in small detachments among the regular Japanese regiments in the field."

#### HOW TO TAKE PORT ARTHUR.

The Manila Times has had the following  ${f inspiration}:$ Now is the time for the Japanese to get foxy

and demonstrate to the world that they are the greatest strategists in the world. They cannot take Port Arthur by direct assault without losing more men than their country can spare. There is another way in which they can do it, and although we pointed it out to them months ago there seems to have been no disposition to avail themselves of the suggestion so freely offered. Perhaps some of the Japanese generals reported against it out of jealousy because they hadn't thought of it themselves. It is this: The Russians in Port Arthur must have provisions, and every little once in a while ship put out from Chefoo to carry needed foodstuffs into the blockaded port. Now it would be the simplest matter in the world for the Japanese to place ten thousand soldiers, with short carbines, cutlasses, and pistols, in ten thousand barrels, mark them all flour or fresh ment, bore little holes for the men inside to get air, put them on a ship, and allow the ship to slip through the blockade. It would probably be a day or so before the Russians could attend could liberate themselves, with the connivance The anticyclone continues over the interior of the crew, and form on the dock and start attention of the Kussians was thus engaged by Gradients are rather steeper upon the east a new and unexpected enemy the Japs outside

celebrated feat of the Greeks and the wooden

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The notice convening the meeting was read. The Chairman-Owing to the indisposition of our Chairman, Mr. J. L. Scott, it becomes my duty, gentlemon, to address you to-day. The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission we will take them as read. As already stated in the report the war in the North, dear money, and the general political uncertainty have greatly interfored with the successful working of the mill. We have also had difficulties to contend with in the reorganisation of our mill staff, -these difficulties have, however, been overcome, and I think I may confidently say that the mill is now being worked in a very real and efficient manner. After careful consideration, your directors have found it advisable to recommend you to dispose of the accumulated balance at credit of profit and loss account as stated in the report; with a considerable portion of our share and debenture capital unissued it is impossible to distribute any of these accumulated earnings by way of dividends, and to carry them forward in profit and loss account might tend to raise felse hopes in that respect. Of the Taels 50 000, which we propose to place to reserve account; the sum of Taels 31,669,87 is actually invested in first-class securities of the debenture trustees, Y15 for milk supplied had been owing; It is our intention to continue to place a portion the debt was fully admitted, and both a working capital has been accumulated sufficalled upon to appear at the Saibansho, medicines which have been in use for fifty or in first-class condition out of revenue at an expense during the year of Tls 19,900, and I should like to draw your attention to the fact that when the profit and loss entries recommended in the report have been made, we shall household affairs are entrusted, had been very have written off Tls. 137.753, equal to about 19 European Style, in Kowloon. Possesper cent of the initial cost of our plant and sion on or about 31st August, 1905. Moderate machinery which, however, your directors do

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not consider too much. Mr. Selby Moore—Before we proceed to pass Before actually touching the accounts themselves may I be permitted to place on record my ladies that she must come to the Saibauown (and, I should think, most shareholders') disappointment at the lamentable result of as she thought no notice had been given, the year's working. Last year the result of and pupils were due to arrive in a few the year's working was considered disappointing. minutes. She was told, however, that the meeting I felt that better times were in store orders that you must come, you must come at for us and that at last we had turned the corner once." The elder lady went to consult a friend and were, if not within sight of a dividend, at who lives a few doors away and the younger least on the high road to it. What do we now went to the back of the house. Just as she was find? This mill, which has now been running looking out of the back entrance two of the and presumably overseered by competent men. dragged her along the road. She told them youthhood, and one trembles to think what its she would go to the Court with them if they explanation. With this year's report we find long examination the little matter of the debt the war, coupled with our old friends, tight was settled. money and high cost of cotton, made the scape- We understand the police allege that a rehave been unable to reduce this very heavy item beyond a paltry Tls. 1,600, notwithstanding that new debentures to the extent of Tls. 27,600 have been taken up. How can we expect the public to put their money into these debentures as long as we are under such a very heavy obligation to the Bank? Loan account, Tls. 80,000 this is a new account, and I think the directors company to further indebtedness; it means more interest, and, as it is, we find the life blood of the

have strained every nerve before committing the concern used to pay our enormous interest bill, which has risen in the last three years from Tls. 33,454 to Tls. 42,674. On the other side of the balance-sheet I have only to refer to two items viz: (first) stocks on hand. Considering the directors admit the difficulty of trading in times of tight money and dear cotton, when economy and a careful husbanding of the company's resources were of primary importance, we find they have launched out in stock to the enormous extent of Tls. 202,877. think I am right in saying that that is a higher figure than any we have ever had since the mill severed its connection with the American Trading Company, and in view of the position of cotton I think the directors have made a grave error in so doing. A hand-to-mouth policy was surely the safest line to pursue until we have plenty of working capital or a phenomenally low price of cotton should tempt us to speculate. The second item I wish to refer to is the ginning standing in the books at Tls. 15,000. asked at a previous meeting whether the working of the ginning plant might not be so reported in the accounts that shareholders might judge whether it is a valuable adjunct to the mill or not This has not been done; we can only presume that the ginning mill at least pays its way, but I should like to find out whether it is worth to us the Tls. 15,000 that we value it at Does it pay us\_eight per cent. on its book value, or, if not, can we realise Tls. 15,000 for it. I wish to detain you for just one moment more. I want to ask another question; whether it is a fact that Chinese cotton is bought in Shanghai, and directly shipped to Japan, paying freight and export duty, spun

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LD., have now 40,000 Cabic feet of Co., caused by the unfortunate illness of the Chair-Storage available at East Point. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday, excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods had been doing their best to meet the competi- day.

affairs that I think greatly to be deplored.

Japan, the manufacturers there were able to dump their surplus, which was practically a bounty fed yarn, on the China coast. The company seemed to hold large stocks as Mr. Moore had said, but the stocks represented purchases to cover sales already made at a profit; the directors considered it the proper course to cover their sales in that way rather than risk the market

Mr. Moore said he was quite in agreement with the Chairman on that point.

The Chairman said in regard to the giuning mill it was hardly to be expected that the directors would give publicly the details of its working, but the mill represented a splendid investment; if Mr. Moore cared to call on the Secretary next morning he could obtain all the

details he required. The following resolutions were then carried without further comment:-

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Poate: That the report and accounts as presented be accepted and passed. Proposed by Mr Jameson, seconded by Mr. Lin Chang-yen. That Mr. J. L. Scott be reelected à director.

Proposed by Mr. Selby Meore, seconded by Mr. Young: That Mr. A. R. Leake be reelected auditor.

The meeting then terminated.

#### JAPANESE POLICE METHODS.

On December 15, reports the Kobe Chronicle, a most extraordinary occurrence took place on the Kobe Hill, which certainly seems to call for some explanation. A lady and her adopted daughter recently moved from one house to another. A small bill-amounting to some of our future earnings to reserve account until ladies were aware that they might be quent proceedings appear all the more remarkable. From the facts we are able to gather it seems that the younger lady to whom the unwell, and for this reason, together with the fact that they had had the bother of removing. any notices in Japanese which might have come from the Saibansho were overlooked. Yesterday at 8.30 a,m., while the ladies were at

uniform, and informed the younger of the them within the reach of all and they are the she about the debt. At first she declined, some ten years, equipped with modern machinery officials came up, and, seizing her by both wrist's passes out of its sickly infancy into a more sickly that she had been unwell, and promised that old age will be. Now there must be something would allow her to get her hat She had radically wrong to account for this, and it is the only house slippers on. The officials declined to duty of the directors to right that wrong. We accede to her requests, and forcibly dragged her used to be told that it was lack of capital; no for some distance. She begged that they doubt that had something to do with it, but we procure her a 'rikisha, and this was allowed. ent down the par value of our shares and She was pushed into the vehicle, the hood was rearranged our finances, but we are no better off. placed over it, and the young lady, escorted by and I think we must look elsewhere for the the police officials, was conveyed through the cause. To turn to accounts the net profit streets to the Court. When the other lady for 1902 was Tls. 91,220; for 1903 Tls. returned she found to her dismay that her 26.159; this year it was Tis. 14.228, surely adopted daughter had been taken away and she a falling off of which we have had no reasonable of course proceeded to the Court, where after a

goats; as regards the former I think I am ceipt was torn up without the debt being paid. right in saying that as a result of the war we but this appears an inadequate explanation of have had a demand for piece goods that we do the proceedings. A suit for the recovery of a 2925) not often experience, and as far as I can gather debt is a civil process, not a criminal proceeding, cotton yarn must have benefited also. As and if the person summoned does not appear, revards the Russo-Chinese Bank overdraft judgment goes by default. It will be interestall Sizes, Nos. 10 to SSSG. AIR GUNS and account, I notice with regret that the directors ling to have an explanation by the police of an

AN AUSTRALIAN WAR SCARE.

Something in the way of a scare was caused a few weeks ago by a report from the Resident of Thursday Island to the effect that two Russian warships had been seen within sixty miles of the island. On receipt of this information Admiral Fanshawe decided to institute a search for the purpose of identifying the cruisers, and also of protecting British commerce from undue interference He therefore wired the commander of the Pytades then lying at Cairns, instructing him to proceed to Torres Straits and investigate the report. Since the commencement of the war, a large quantity of fodder and foodstuffs has been loaded in Australian ports; some of the vessels have cleared for Japanese ports outright, whilst others, principally those regularly employed in the Eastern trade, have cleared for Hongkong. The question of contraband has naturally been raised. The Controller of Customs, on taking advice from. the Crown Law officials, decided that his department was not called upon to interfere with these cargoes, and that any risk run in connection with these shipments lay entirely with the shippers As a matter of fact both Russia and Japan have drawn fodder supplies from the Commonwealth. On receipt of the report it was at once assumed that the cruisers had come down to Australian waters to intercept vessels which were known to be then loading or en route to the East. The Changsha and Eastern, both recently arrived from Hongkong, report having seen nothing of these mysterious vessels. The Dutch Government, about this time of year, send one or more of their vessels on a cruise around the settlements in the Eastern Archipelago, and it is more than likely the two supposed Russian cruisers will turn out to be of Dutch nationality. At any rate nothing of an alarming nature has since transpired.

NORTH SEA FISHERMEN.

North Sea fishermen, says a home paper, have Sole Agents for Kigio, Komatsu (Tagawa' | there and returned to Shanghai, which means | always dangers enough to face without the another freight and an import duty; whether added terror of bombardment from panic-stricsuch yarn can and does compete successfully ken Russian cowards. For years past the everwith our spinnings, and whether, if such is the hungry sea has taken, on an average, one British case, the directors are taking any steps to find fisherman each working day. The annual toll out how it is done. In conclusion I have only of lives is close upon three handred, and someto refer to one more matter that I would much | times in a great ga'e hundreds will be drowned rather not have touched upon, but the Chair- in a few hours. There are only three fleets of man having failed to refer to it. I must. It | English trawlers—the "Gamecock" fleet, which has been our custom to hold our annual meeting was fired upon by the Russians, the "Great in the month of November; this year I am Northern" fleet, and the "Red Cross." Each given to understand the reason that we are a fleet is composed of fifty steam-trawlers-boats month late, is that both the Chairman and 105ft. long, manned by nine hands, and costing Vice-Chairman were absent from Shanghai, re- about £8,00 . All these boats hall from Hull. vesling an indifference toward the company's | and work on the Dogger Bank, in the middle of the North Sea. There are, of course, hun-The Chairman, replying first to Mr. Moore's | dreds more English trawlers, and our men scour final remark, recretted that the meeting was the seas from the Spanish coast to Iceland in held later than usual, but the postponement was search of fish; but all, the other beats work singlehanded, and bring home their own catches. man (Mr. J. L. Scott) and the fact that he (the These three fleets work together, each under an Vice Chairman) was away on holiday when Mr. | admiral, who orders where and how they shall Scott fell sick. In regard to the importation fish, and they are attended by steam carriers. of yarns from Japan at cheap rates, the directors | who bring their catches back to the ports every

THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON | tion, but owing to the high protective tariff in | CHARLES FORDE'S BILE BEANS. | WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO.

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Not only from the writings of such men as Captain Cook, but from their ewn observations, scientists have for a long time been aware of the great superiority of vigetable medicines over those containing mineral poisons; and some years back, Mr. Charles Forde, an eminent scientist, conceived the idea of so utilising the essences of certain Australian plants that their healing properties might be made useful to modern man. By long and careful investigation and experiment, he at last gained the knowledge required. He found himself the discoverer of a natural vegetable substance which acted on the liver and digestive organs directly and more effectively than any medicine known. The best laboratories, the most modern plant, and all that science dictated as being best for the purpose was requisitioned in the compounding of this substance into convenient medicine form, and the result of it all was the production a few years back of the most perfect medicine of modern times. This medicine was produced in the form of small beans, which, being prepared for action on the liver, were called "Bile Beans."

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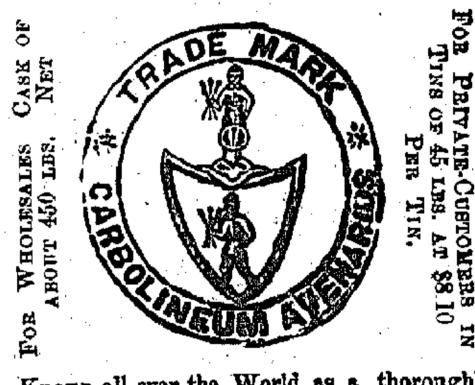
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ATHENIAN, British str., for Vancouver. BRUNHILDE, German str., for Bangkok. ELISABETH RICKMERS, Ger. str.; for Bangkok Esang, British str., for Shanghai. TAUSANG, British str., for Scurabaya. GREGORY APCAR, British str., for Calcutta. MEDAN, German str., for Chemulpo. MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai. PALAMCOTTA, British str., for Rangoon. Princes, British str., for Nagasaki. RAJABURI, German str., for Bangkok.

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	LONDON, &c., VIA PONTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str				•
Ĺ	LONDON & ANTWERP AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	Morros	Brit. Str.			GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co	About 10th Jan.
<b>╵</b> ┃·	AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str	1 m.		Butterfield & Swike	On 3rd Jan.
· [	AMSTERDAM, BONDON & ANTWERD.	Dry and	Brit. str.			BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	
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1	MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	Company	Frenstr	·	Churbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 10th Jan., at 1 P.m.
· ]	BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	SEXULITZ	Ger. str	i		MELCHERS & Co	
1	HAVRE & HAMBURG HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str			HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	
				k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	
		AMBRIA	Ger. str	k.w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	
	HAVRE & HAMBURG	SITHCNIA	Ger. str	-	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
'.	HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. ev.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIK	
	HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str			HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	
1	HAVRE & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str	k. w.	Behrens	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	On 7th Mar.
٠ [	HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str	k. w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
, [	TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GISELA	, Aus. str. 🔝		Damianovich	SANDER, WIELER & Co	To-day, P.M.
1	GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL,	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
1	NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str !	· . <del></del>		DODWELL & Co., LD.	
-	NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENECA	Brit. str.	· <del></del>	*****	STANDARD OIL CO	About 25th Jan.
1	NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	RAS ISSA	Brit str.	<del></del> .		Shewan, Tomes & Co	About 20th Jan
	VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c	TARTAR	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 25th Jan.
1	VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c	1 Empress of China	Brit. str	2 m.	E. Beetham, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co	On 11th Jan
	VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	TREMONT	Brit. str.		T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & Co., LIMITED	On 14th Jan.
1	PORTLAND, OREGON	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	_		PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. Co	
	AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRALIAN	Brit. str.			GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co	
	AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	<del>1 m</del> .		BUTTERFIELD & SWIKE	
1	KOBE	KASHING	Brit. str.	. 1 m.		· ·	
ŀ	KOBE.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	$\frac{1}{n}$ .		BUTTERFIELD & SWIKE	On 3rd Jan.
	SHANGHAI	TAIWAN	Brit. str.			BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	
	SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.			JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	
1 :	SHANGDAI DIRECT	LORSANG	Brit. str.		<u>.</u>		To morrow, at 4 P M.
	SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.		l		
	FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	Твічмрн	Jan. str				On 4th Jan., at Daylight.
	TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHJOE	Jan. str.	·— ~		OBAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at Daylight.
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'	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCLOW	HAITAN	Rmit atn	2 h.			
1	MANILA	Leonesane		U.	Weimil	Douglas Lapraik & Co	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
j .	MANILA	LCONGEANG	1		Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co	On 22 of fine 4 10
-	MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str	] m	R. W. Almond		On Sul Inst., 85.10 A.M.
	MANILA		Brit. str	lm.	Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On ora Jan.
'	MANILA		Brit. str	_	D D.J.	Dodwell & Co., Ld.	About ord Jan.
[	JAVA PORTS	ZAFIRO	Brit. str		R. Rouger	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 7th Jan., at 10 A.M.
	JAVA PORTS	TARANAP (1111, 1111)	Dut str		m.33	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
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No. 216, Wing Lok Street. Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

#### SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 28th December. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR Mr. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUISNE JUDGE.)

MOOSA E. VIETRA AND CO. V. THE CHINA

EASTERN CONTRACTING CO. In this case the plaintiff firm, merchants, residing at No 36, Queen's Road Central, claimed from the defendant firm, merchants, recently of No. 36, Queen's Road Contral, \$416.90, \$400 being rent owing to them and S16.90 costs of the action.

Mr. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings office) appeared for the plaintiff firm, and Mr. E. J Grist (of Messes. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant firm.

The \$400 was stated as being three months' rent, at S1 o per month, payable in advancefor October, November and December, and one month's rent in lieu of notice.

Moosa Ebrahim, a partner in the plaintiff firm, said he made the letting arrangements with a representative-Mr. Probasco-of the defendant firm. Mr. Probasco, who said he was a partner in the China Eastern Contracting Co, went into possession in September, and paid the rent for that month in advance. The plaintiff firm had received no rent since. The defendants left the premises on the 12th December. Since that date a distress had been issued on the furniture.

Mr. Dixon said the furniture realised some \$160, so the plaintiffs were now sning only for the balance due.

\* Cross-examined, witness said he forgot whether he gave a receipt for the rent for September in Mr. Probasco's own name, or in the name of the firm. Mr. Probasco lived on the premises, using one of three rooms as a bedroom and the other two rooms as offices. He did not know when Mr. Probaseo's Company was formed; Mr. Probasco said he was going to open a firm.

His Honour said that as the Company was not formed when Mr. Probased rented the premises, the contract could not be taken to have been made on behalf of the Company. He gave judgment for the defendant firm with

THE HO FAT KEE V. LI KAN TAI. lent by him to the defendant.

Ho Fat, a partner in the Ho Fat Kee shop.

Ho Fat at a quarter to two that afternoon, just | terrifies the unfortunate, the idea ricksha with the plaintiff.

two o'clock. I want to get at.

#### FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB "A" TEAM U. R.E. RESERVES

This match was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the Engineers by four goals to nil. Teams were

as fellows :---Club :- Kennett, goal : E. F. Aucott and Substitute, backs; Gröne, Brown and Henderson, halves; H. Seth, Clarke, Taylor, Davies and J. Wemyss, forwards.

Reserves :-- Widows, goal; Henwood and Parker, backs; Ross, Nettleton and Bell, halves; Bessie, Spires, Heatley, Thistleton and Hampson, forwards.

The Club, as usual, started off one man short, but despite the odds kept the play around the soldiers' goal for some time. At length the Engineers worked the ball nicely along the left wing to their opponents' goal, and, in a scramble in front, Gröne, with one of those unfortunate shots which occasionally occur. sent the ball into the net, thus scoring for the Engineers. In a fresh start the Club worked the leather towards their opponents, net. It was nicely centred by Setb, but the goalkeeper, rushing out, sent it well along the field. The soldiers got on it, and for a time the Club posts had to be smartly guarded by the goalkeeper. Play was then transferred to the other end of the field, where the Club had four corner kicks in succession. A smart struggle occurred in front of the soldiers posts after each kick, but when the whistle blew the score

remained unchanged. Half-time: Ergineers, 1; Club, nil

The beginning of the second half found the play in front of the Club's stronghold. where each team were working hard. Bessie eventually shot a second goal for the Engineers. The Club were still hard pressed, but working well together transferred the ball to the vicinity of their opponents' goal. Seth had a shot in front, but the leather was driven above the net. The space again lessened before the Club's goal, and in a rally in front. Heatley shot it in. Shortly afterwards the same player drove a second ball home. Result :- Engineer's 4; Club, nil.

H K. F. C. v. A NAVAL TEAM. This Rugby match will be played on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, this afternoon-kick-off at 4.45 pm. The following have been chosen to play for the Club: T. C. Gray, back; J. Thomson, S. O. Else, Lieut, Hannay and A. S. Kempthorne, three quarters; J. Clark and H. Soper, halves; E. R. Hallifax, A. Boyd, Capt. Elgood, Lieut. Black, J. C. Steen, Lieut-Rankin and H. F. Chard (capt.), forwards.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

25th November. WEATHER.

The suddenness with which the winter has set in has surprised everybody, and taken most Parisians quite unaware. Considering the exceptionally warm summer we have had, there is indeed every reason to anticipate one of th old-fashfoned winters - severe and long. Misery prevails everywhere, despite all the efforts made by the Government and private persons to alleviate the endless sufferings of the poor The sweeping away of the snow and slush has given work to many unemployed. So much remains to be done, that the Municipality may be excused for feeling somewhat embarrassed. The Municipal Council of this city does exemplary work during the winter as regards assisting the gennine necessitous; it is no easy task, as one may readily imagine, to relieve thousands of men, women, and children as soon as winter and all its drawbacks set in. Yet, relief extended right and left; more cannot be done. Were there fewer impostors about, public willingness to aid would still be more apparent; unfortunately, there are still too many about that seek the cloak of Charity as an excuse for not working. As one cannot give to all, many who no doubt really deserve help suffer in consequence. Loafers-andtheir name is legion in every country-do a vast amount of harm. The authorities are ever on the alert for such deceivers, who they punish most severely. Heart-rending accounts of families subsisting on a mere nothing fill the papers; cases of this kind are not overlooked as a rule, so far as public charity is con-

A CAPITAL PLAY. The Theatre Antione is one of the best places in Paris where to see a clever, most up-to-date. and amusing piece. Its lat st production entitled L'Asile de Nuit is certainly no exception to this remark. When the curtain rises, the asile or night shelter is just on the point of closing for the night, the time being nine o'clock. The director having finished his day's work is going off to play his usual game of cards at the cafe opposite with his chums, leaving "Mons'eur Soupe," his underling, so called because the only person in the establish-The plaintiff in this action claimed \$150 plus | ment who ever gets the morning soup which \$10.50, \$10 being costs and \$0.50 expense on each waif and stray is supposed to receive account of a bailiff. Mr. O. D. Thomson | A ring is heard at the door; on the latter being appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of opened, a wretched creature, with a ridiculouscontractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's ly comic name, all rags and tatters, tries Road East. The defendant, a junk owner hard to seek admission. The director who was whose junk is under arrest, was represented by about to leave for the purpose of enjoying Mr. Dixon (of Mr. John Hasting's office). himself becomes naturally furious at being The plaintiff alleged that the money had been delayed by the new-comer, and after hanging down, his hat and coat, and complaining of the The defendant said he had paid the money to | bitterness of his lot, puts no end of absurd questions to the poor old man, who stands belp-A witness for the defence said he had seen less and shivering before him. One thing outside the Supreme Court, but, instead of taking a bath! He would be the happiest of waiting to give evidence, he had gone off in a | mortals, could be only be let off that corvee; the more so, as "experience" has taught him that - Mr. Dixon applied for a remand so that he dirt, once it has accumulated, is so comforting might try and bring Ho Fat to give evidence. and warming that he is next to unable to live The plaintiff had previously stated that he without it. The director, while dying to get was in Mr. Hastings' office between one and off, insists upon the stranger being bathed and so conform to the rules of the establishment. His Honour remanded the case till Friday | Unable to stand it any longer, Monsieur le afternoon, remarking-Injustice is being done | Directeur flings himself out of the asile, leaving somewhere. There is something crooked which his representative to do the best he can under the circumstances. Monsieur Soupe agrees to listen patiently to the individual's tale of wee. The two are actually deeply engaged in conversation, M. Sonpe telling the wayfarer in turn how badly the shelter is managed, when who should come in unexpectedly but the director! The latter after having explained in a stage whisper that he is very uneasy because some journalists have recently visited a neighboring asite, and shown things up, proceeds to flatter his latest guest in the wildest manner. and to offer him every comfort, much to the astonishment of "Monsieur Sonpe," who looks on bewildered, particularly so, when the directeur after being so exacting, orders that the stranger is to be exempted from a bath. Subsequently, a whole bundle of good clothes sent by some charitable person is really given to the person for whom they were intended-a homeless waif; the expulsion of the stranger who is suspected of being one of the unchivalrous journalists in question, and of M. Soupe. follows, when the curtain comes down on a most

> has long since been noted. POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

laughable play, for which the Theatre Antoine

What will the next Cabinet be like? This is a question which everyone is talking about, since that of M. Combes is gradually sinking more and more. It never was so near disappearance as at the beginning of the week, when the Minister of Finance, M. Houvier, a very able man, sent his resignation to M. Loubet, on the plea that he strongly disapproved of the Income Tax Bill which M. Combes was determined to pass at all costs through Parliament. The President of the Republic, who views the inevitable crumbling to pieces of the Cabinet with sorrow, did all he could to induce M. Rouvier to remain where he was, but the Minister of Finance not only formally refused to do so, but also kept away from the Cabinet Council meeting. Nothing else was to be done but to lay M. Rouvier's letter of resignation before the Cabinet. Mutters grew gradually worse, for M. Delcassé, Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Chaumie, Minister of Public Instruction, and M. Maruejouls. Minister of Public Works, threatened to resign as soon as the resignation of M. Rouvier was accepted. Of course, the crisis implied the certain downfall of the Ministry. Out of respect for M. Loubet, the three named Ministers agreed to do nothing in regard to their threatened resignations during the day. In the course of the afternoon M. Loubet went to pay a visit to M. Rouvier, and succeeded in inducing him to withdraw his resignation. A crisis was thus averted thanks to the able tact and diplomacy of the President of the Republic, on whose shoulders all troubles fall. M. Combes will not remain in power very much longer. He is becoming very unpopular with the masses-that which means the sign-

ing of his death warrant, as a politician.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 28th December.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BRIBERY. loon City, was charged with attempted bribery. He observed that the principal item in it was Sergeant Cameron prosecuted, and Mr. Bailey | that which dealt with Pasoh and the company's (of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master's office) affairs in the East. At the last meeting he appeared on behalf of the accused. Sergeant | reminded the shareholders that £200,000 set Cameron stated that on the 6th instant Wing | against the assets in the Malay Peninsula was a Sun, the complainant, went to the defendant's somewhat spectral one. He regretted to have to private residence for the purpose of getting | tell them that the word "spectral" must now the date of a burial permit altered from the be replaced by the word "vanished." The 6th to the 7th instant. The Interpreter said he could not alter the permit. The complainant went away and called on him again, when the leases to acquire which the Pahang Exploradefendant said he would alter the date provided | tion Company was formed in 1888, and for he paid a sum of \$8. Meantime, complainant's | which large sums of mon-y were paid. Sir F. son had come to Hongkong and obtained per- Weld, ex-Governor of the Straits Settlement mission from the authorities toulter the date of and its dependencies, lent his name and the the permit. After the hearing of lengthy evi- imprimatur of his high dence, His Worship discharged defendant, and recalling a witness for the presecution, Wong Tai Fook, son of the complainant, ordered him to pay a fine of \$25 for telling a lie in the witness box, or to undergo in default two months' imprisonment. ALLEGED LARCENY.

Grant, was charged with the larceny of \$50 | stituted for the old one, the authorities using from the firm of Messrs. J. Reiss and Company, | the opportunity of transfer to insert conditions Queen's Buildings. The evidence of two rick- and to make an unconditional lease conditional. sha coolies who lived with the defendant on the | The Straits Development Company followed the premises showed that he had given each of them | Pahang Exploration Company into liquidation "Things have been stolen." When the coolies came into the room he said, pointing to a box, "The master has lost something from this box: we three will be blamed for it. I will take this crowbar and force open the side door leading to the stairway, also the door leading from the verandah into the taipan's room. He will then thick somebody from the outside broke in." The defendant then went and informed the master, and on Mr. Tompkins' arrival, he discovered that \$50 had been removed from a box in his office. As none of the money could be found on the defendant, and as His Worship did not consider the evid noe sufficiently strong, the charge was dismissed.

Lok San, one of the witnesses in the previous case, was charged with being a member of the Tried Society. The case was remanded, in order that translations might be made of books in his possession.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (SECOND . POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A DARING THEFT. changer gave them a bag containing \$500, which after examining and finding correct, they placed on the counter. They were money on the counter and ran away, followed by an Indian watchman. He took a ricksha and urged the coolie along Queen's Road. The runner was, however, not lengthening the distance between the pursued and pursuers, so the defendant dispensed with his services and

Inspector Macdonald charged three men with | was adopted after some discussion. dealing in Sampiu lottery tickets at Yanmati. They were each fined \$25, in default six weeks' imprisonment.

#### NO MINT FOR SHANGHAI.

Governor Tuan Fang intended to establish a mint in Shanghai and had already ordered the necessary machinery of the works. Chineselike, the moment a man leaves a place his successor generally countermands if possible all his predecessor's orders. Hence it appears, says the N. C. Daily News, that with his Excel lency's appointment to Hunan, Shanghai is not to have a mint, after all. A Nanking despatch states that Viceroy Chou Fu has given orders that the machinery ordered for the Shanghai | dent occurred yesterday in regard to one of them. mint is to be sent on to Nanking and added to that already working in the Kiangnan mint in that city, while the copper and spelter contracted for, upon arrival in Shanghai, are also to be transferred to Nanking.

#### OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

The Straits Times of December 15th says : Opium smuggling in this Settlement is a profitable game. It has been so for a very long time, but from what we now learn the day of the smuggler has come, and he will have to choose between gaining his livelihood by these illicit means or leaving the Colony for the rest of his earthly days. The profits of smuggling are so handsome that no fine is effective enough to stop the practice. The Government has, therefore, taken definite action in the matter, and a policy of banishment has been instituted instead of the former useless fines. The effects of this are already being felt, for smuggling is every day sees additions made to the list. on the rapid decrease. This is attributed solely They are insured generally for Vladivestok at Customs House. In the lighters transporting to the banishment orders passed upon detected offenders. We believe this is the first time since the Banishment Ordinance was passed that it has been systematically enforced against these opium smugglers, and the effect has been little short of remarkable. Several suspected Chinese traders in this town are now being closely watched, and if they are detected engaged in the illicit traffic there is little doubt their days in the Colony of the Straits Settlements are numbered. The smuggling is largely carried out from Teochew trading concerns in Amoy and similar ports, the chandu being concealed in Chinese produce brought down here. We are glad to note the wholesome effect of the Government's action in this matter.

At Shanghai, it appears, gas is a much chear er illuminant than electricity. A correspondent of our contemporary says that he is paying just twice as much for light since he had the electric system put in. He has to pay half a. tael monthly for hire of the meter, whereas I his old gas meter was gratis.

#### STRAITS AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting was held last month at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate-pace Mr. Alfred Gaussen, Ho Yu Ting, Sergeant Interpreter at Kow- | who presided, moved the adoption of the report. unconditional lease of Pasoh was one of three which probably conveyed to the investors of the day a se se of security almost amounting to Government protection. That company's failure was owing, to a great extent, to inadequate police protection during a local war. The Straits Development Company was formed in 1821 to take over the business, Ip Su Kau, at the instance of Sergeant and then as regarded Pasch a new lease was suba dollar to buy samshu and Chinese delicacies. after spending about £40,000 in the East. In He further gave each of them a ticket to go his opinion the coup de grace was given to it by

a notice of forfeiture to take effect last July was served on him. During the in- | leady making use of underground dwellings. tervening period, presumably either he was such as the natives sometimes us-, and which expected to spend a large sum of money, which | were used by the Russians during the winter he did not possess, or the directors were to do | after the Boxers had destroyed their railway so, on Pasoh, to which at the time the company | buildings. The soil of Manchuria excepting had no title. This state of things was brought | in certain places, is dry at this season, especially to an end on March 1 last by the unexpected | in the districts between Mukden and Liau-yang, news of the granting of the transfer after a where it is, largely, loss and sand. The Japandelay of two years. The board at once cabled ese, who hold the low hills with gentle slopes, out orders to start a prospecting expedition are in the better position. The method is to without delay. When all preparations had been | dig a trench about 10ft. to 12ft. deep and varymade it was discovered that the so-called trans- | ing in width, but generally about 9ft. wide. A for was a mere make-believe, for it was only an | narrow stairway is cut leading down to the south intimation that the authorities were prepared | end. At the base it is widered and a door frame to consider an application for a prospecting | set up with a native door, turning on wooden licence for a year. An appeal had been made | pivots. The upper half of the door is open work, their defeat "lying down." They had justice | opened, freshens and warms the room. Im-Wong Yueng, a coolie, bolted with a bag of shareholders to shrink from the expenditure stove, camp oven or holler, in a simple and \$500 in Queen's Road Central on Tuesday last. | which would be inevitable if the company | primitive style, to which both Russian and The evidence showed that two Chinese gentle- fought the matter out. The policy which Japanese are accustomed. Along the length of men went to a money changer's to change a he advocated would mean the complete sever- the trench is a platform some 21ft. high and \$1,000 bill into subsidiary coins. The money ance of the company's interest in the Malay | 6ft. wide, made of hammered earth and rough Penipsula and the sale of the machinery unburned bricks. Beneath this are several their operations to a less dangerous sphere they | platform, which resembles the old style of took a turn to develop their interests there. Mr. E. J. Halsey seconded the motion, which

#### MARINE INSURANCE.

The Times Marine insurance reporter wrot

on Nov. 24th:--The steamer Tung Chow, reported captured by the Japanese while carrying provisions to Port Arthur, is not apparently insured. She is 1.505 tons, built in 1886, and formerly belonged to the China Navigation Company, but was sold some time since. Coal cargoes for Vladivostok continue to be done. Many of these, after being provisionally insured, have been subsequently cancelled, and an amusing in-The shipper of the coal, after arranging for the insurance, was unwilling to put it definitely forward unless the Russian Government would pay cash in London against the ship ing and insurance documents. The Russians stated that they would pay cash in St. Petersburg against the docume its, but that these papers must be sent thither. In order to provide for all contingencies it was desired, on behalf of the shipper, to insure the risk of payment not being made by Russia after the documents had been sent to St. Petersburg. But not even the most sporting underwriters here would look at the risk The incident, in itself smull, is of some importance as an indication of the exceedingly low opinion entertained here of Russian commercial

On November 22, he reported that the Thales was not insured. The number of egal steamers for Vladivostok, and engaged on mysterious coalcarrying charters, increases rapidly, and almost 30 gaineas per cent, with a return of five

guineas per cent. if not captured. Ten guineas per cent, have been paid on the British steamer Inverness, Tacoma for Muroran, Japan. She left Port Townsend on October 16. The Inverness is 3 734 tons, built in 1902, and owned by A. M. Sutherland.

#### LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. steamer Korea, with mails, &c., lef Nagasaki for this port direct on Tuesday, the 27th inst. at 5 p.m., and is due here to-morrow

The C.P.R. steamer Empress of India lef Vancouver on Monday, the 26th inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call. The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Deucalion left Mogi on the 26th inst. at daylight, and is due bere about the 31st inst.

The steamer C. Apcar, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 27th inst., and is due here on the 2nd prox.

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WINTER QUARTERS IN MAN-CHURIA.

Tonokono, 27th December, 1904.

The following interesting account of the winter quarters of the armies in Mancharia is furnished by a correspondent of the Times: -With November the cold weather begins in Manchuria and is increasingly intense. Around Mukden the thermometer does not usually fall to a Chinese theatre. They went, and he joined the Government, who cancelled the other two below zero (Fahr) until the middle of December. them later. They stayed at the theatre all concessions, leaving the company only Pasoh. when night after night it may sink to five, ten, night, and the ricksha coolies were the first to The Straits and General Development Company | and even 20 degrees below zero, and during return next morning. The defendant arrived | was created in 1902, when he became liquidator | January to 3 . In the frequent north-easterly after them and immediately walked into Mr. of the new one. Every conceivable delay faced or north-westerly blizzards no human beings Tompkins, the manager's, room. He called out the company's attempts to get the property can live under canvas. Some may be quartered transferred to the new company, until the board in native houses; but where, even supposing began to doubt whether there was any that the owners should be ruthlessly turned out, intention on the part of the local authorities | will accommodation be found for half a million to transfer it at all. On October 8, 1903, of men?

The answer is simple; the Japanese are alto the Colonial Secretary, but without effect. | which, being covered with the opaque native There were now two courses open to the com- | window paper, admits light. The sun shines pany-an appeal to law or the acceptance of at midday down the steps and, when the door is on their side, but he regretfully advised the mediately within, on one side, is a croking as scrap-iron. It meant the winding-up of simple flues, up and down which the smoke and the Malay States Tin Mines and the disposal of | heat from the cooking place finds its way, issuing busy examining a second bag containing two tin properties for whatever they would at the end, remote from the entrance, by a small a similar amount when Wong snatched the fetch; that while the company would remove chimney, cut in the solid ground. On this would have to write off £200,000 of their nomi- greenhouse flue and is called by the Chinal capital The directors were united in their | nese a kang, many men can sleep in warmth views on the matter. The company had been | and comfort on a rough mat or dried grass. forced into their present position by the consis- | The mode of heating is not only economical, tent hostility of the authorities. The board but the flues consume and carry off the earth took another ricksha. This coolie made the proposed to call the two meetings required by dampor carbonic acid gas which always generates took another ricksha. This coolie made the proposed to call the two meetings required by dampor carbonic acid gas which always generates pace warm, but unfortunately for Wong, the law as soon as possible. Then they would go to in underground dwellings. Across the top of vehicle capsized, and he was thrown on to the | the Courts and get permission to reduce the | the trench rough pieces of timber or poles are road, where he was caught by the watchman, capital by the amounts standing against the laid, and on these kao-liang stalks or straw, and given in charge. On appearing before two first assets-about three-fourths of the upon which is heaped the earth excavated from His Worship he pleaded guilty and was whole. The matter would be laid before the the trench. This covering keeps out the cold sentenced to a term of three months hard shareholders almost immediately. The re- and is practically shell proof. No rain falls, labour, and in lieu of one day of the said im- arrangement of the capital account would enable and but little snow, and the latter can, if prisonment, six hours' public exposure in the | the company as soon as affairs in South Africa | desired, be swept off t e roofs or mounds over the dwelling.

of the native "surface" coal mine, where coarse dust coal is readily excavated and can be, when mixed with a little wet loss earth, burned in the rough cooking places referred to, in which grass, rubbish, and almost anything can also be consumed as fuel. Whilst the first 12ft to 20ft. of the plain and low hills now occupied by the armies are dry in winter, good water can be found almost anywhere at 25ft. to 30ft. below the surface.

### EVADING THE SUGAR TAX.

A remarkable example of evasion of the

Sugar-tax has come to light in Tokyo. According to the Yomyuri, the offenders are the Nippon Seiseite Kaisha, or Japan Sugar Refining Company of Tokyo, who have been evading the Sugar-tax by fraudulent means for months past. The Managing Director of the company and the man in charge of the rum manufacture department are now being prosecuted at the Tokyo Chiho Saibansho by a certain Mr. Kin on a charge of evading the tax. It is stated that since October 1901, when the Sugar Consumption-tax was put into force, the company has been in a difficult position. and unable to declare any dividend. The position of the company, however, suddenly improved in the second half of last year, when a good dividend was declared, and especially during the present half-year the company has seemed to be most prosperous. This is now alleged to be due to profits made by evading the Sugar-tax. It seems that the company has been importing the raw material from Hawaii. OUR OWN MAKE First of all, it is alleged, both the Customs and consumption-tax were artfully evaded in passing the raw sugar through the Yokohama the sugar from the steamer to the hatoba employees of the company woull extract 70 to 80 kin from certain bage and conceal the amount at the bottom of the lighter, and later this would be forwarded to Tokyo without undergoing the examination of the Customs authorities. Two other employees of the company were stationed at Yokohama, where they passed 500-kin bags for 400 kin at the Customs by fraudulent means, and the sugar so smuggled was concealed in tanks. Employees kept watch round the premises of the company against the advent of the tax officers, and gave warning at their approach. Two s ts of books were kept, one for the inspection of the authorities, and the others for private use. It is also alleged that scales used by the company for the examination of sugar by the authorities were fraudulent. The raw material refined daily being about 400 bags, the tax evaded would total 344 yen per day or about 123,000 yen a year. Some time ago the Metropolitan Police had 1st FLOOR. WATKINS' BUILDINGS reason to suspect the company, but failed to obtain evidence. Now it is alleged the chain of evidence is complete. - Kobe Chronicle.



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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINETS No. 30.

WRECK OF THE S.S. "WORKFIELD." TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wreck of the British Steamer Workfield lies sunk in about 18 fathoms at low water

spring tides. Cape of Good Hope bearing N. 45° W. 15 Miles. (Approximate). A. HOLZ,

Harbour Master. Approved, FRANK SMITH. Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House. Swatow, 27th December, 1904.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 4th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before. the 4th January, or they will not be recognised All damaged packages will be examined on

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PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY)		
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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"JAVA," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA. PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hougkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT. Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ROON,"

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undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are 105 to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

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January, 1905, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hougkong, 22nd December, 1904. AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP

COMPANY. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA CAPE OF

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED, CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

MONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld., where in both cases it will lie at Cousignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 26th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 30th inst. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst., will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 3rd prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hougkong, 24th December, 1904.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE Steamship

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Cantain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the | having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception requested to send in their Bills of Lading for of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being countersignature by the Undersigned and to landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns take immediate delivery of their Goods from of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and longside. Godown Company, Limited, Kowleon, whence Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before I o'clock,

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 9.30 а.м. All Claims must reach us before the 5th

January, 1905, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 24th December, 1934

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY LIMITED.

ONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

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Agents. Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG,

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

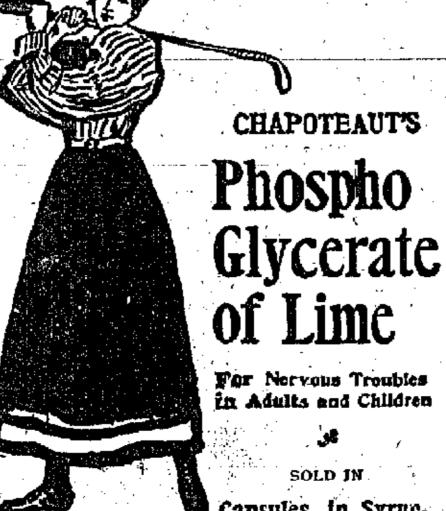
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23rd Dec. - Shanghai 20th Dec., General. -Chinese. December,-Bangkok 17th Dec., General.

CHIYUEN, Chinese str., 1,177, Charles Stewart,

-Butterfield & Rwire. CLAVERING, British str., 2,154, Barton, 19th

Commercial S.S. Co. COPTIC. British str., 2,744, R. Lobez, R.N.B., ALBION, H.M. battleship, 12,950, Fremantle. 27th December,—San Francisco 26th Nov., and Shanghai 23rd December, General.-O.

DIN OLA, British str., 2,820, M. N. English, 15th Dec.,—New York 16th Sept., Case Oil. -Standard Oil Co. Dunay, Austrian str., 2,492, Thainic, 22nd Dec.,

ELAX, British str., 2,612, E. S. Baker, 12th December, -- Aroe Bay 1st Oct., Bulk Oil. | Orrgin, torpedo boat destroyer, Lieut, E. H. -Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

EMMA LUYKEN, German str., 1,160, H. Martens, PHENIX, British sloop, 1,050, John Nicholas. 21st Dec., -Samarang (Java) 10th Dec., Rosanto, British sloop, 960, Vivian. Sugar, and Cotton Seed.—Chinese

EMPRESS OF CHINA. British str., 3,046, E. Beetham, R.N.R., 20th Dec.,-Vancouver (B.C.) 28th Nov. and Shanghai 18th Dec., Mails and General.—C. P. R. Co. FERNDENE, British str., 2,444, Fisher, 18th

December, -Batoum via Colombo 4th Nov., Petroleum.-Dodwell & Co. December,-Batoum 25th October, Oil.-

Dodwell & Co. HAICHING, British str., 1,267. A. E. Hodgins, Lapraik & Co. HALABAN, Dutch str., 385, J. Steendam, 6th

-December, -Foochow 2nd Dec., Ballast.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co. HOLSTEIN, German str., 985, J. C. Hansen, Kaiserin Elizabeth, Austrian cruiser, 4,000, 27th Dec.,-Haiphong 25th Dec., Rice.-Jebsen & Co.

HUE, French str., 705, Godinau, 27th Nov.,— Haiphong and Ports 26th Nov., General.— A. R. Marty. INDRAVELLI, British str., 3,125, S. Cullington, 28th Nov.,—Shanghai 24th Nov.—Jardine,

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-Gibb Livingston & Co. JAVA, British str., 2,631, S. Barcham, 24th Dec.,-London and Singapore 17th Dec., General,-P. & O. S. N. Co. KAMOR, Norwegian str., 979, S. Falck Straus,

-A. Burne. Konsichang, German str., 1,292, C. Gosewisch, 27th Dec.,-Bangkok 17th Dec., Rice and Timber.—Butterfield & Swire. LOONGSANG, British str., 1,092, G, S. Weigall, 26th Dec.,-Manila 23rd Dec., General.-

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24fh Dec.,-Kutchinotzu 19th Dec., Coal

Machew. German str., 982, Harjes, 27th Dec., -Bangkok 19th Dec., Rice.-Butterfield & Swire. Massapequa, British str., 1,936, H. Scott, 27th December.-New York and Manila 23rd December, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co. MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, S. J. Payne, 22nd December, -Sandakan 17th Dec., Timber.

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Bradley & Co. PRINSESSE MARIE, Danish str., 3,517, P. A. Barentzen, 24th Dec.,-Singapore 14th Dec., General. -- Melchers & Co. Scotsman, British str., 1,064, E. A. Mackenzie, 16th Dec., -Moji10th Dec., Co l.-Chinese.

SIAM, British str., 1,22 , Burns, 17th Dec., -Laugkat 6th and Singapore 8th December. Kerosine.—Geo. McBain. SISHAM British str. 869, Stringer, 27th Dec., Shanghai 21st Dec., General. Master. SITHONIA, German str., 4,338, Th. Hildebrandt. 22nd Dec.,-Hamburg and Singapore 15th Dec., General.—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

STANLEY DOLLAR, British str., 1,857, J. Bruce, 5th Dec. - San Francisco 31st Oct., Flour. -Shewan, Tomes & Co. ETARTOS, German str., 1,578, F. Desler, 14th December. - Kutchinotzu 9th Dec., Coal. -Siemesen & Co.

PHEA. German str., 734, Fulda, 30th Nov.,-Cardiff 29th Sept., Coal.-Jebsen & Co. Твимен, German str., 769, A. Hausan, 17th Dec.,-Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 16th Dec., General.—Jebsen & Co.

SAILING SHIPS. ACME, American 4-m. ship, 2,937, McLellan, 19th Dec.,-Kobe-9th Dec., General,-Standard Oil Co.

Ancines, British barque, 1,700, Salter, 26th November,-Fremantle 20th Sept., Sandalwood. - Order.

20th Dec.-Cebu 26th Nov., Ballast.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co. PRINCE ROBERT, Norwegian 4-m. barques 2,657 Hansen, 22nd Nov.,-New York 9th July,

Petroleum -Standard Oil Co. TARANG, American schooner, 70, Probot, 13th. December, -Yap (Caroline Island) 4th Dec. Beche-de-mar. - G. P. Lammert. Tonkin, Franch str., 3,084, R Schmitz, 26th

December,-Japan and Shanghai 23rd Dec. Mails and General. - Messageries Maritimes Toonan, Chinese str., 942, Best, 25th Dec.,-Shangbai 22nd Dec. General.—Chinese. Chowra, German str., 1,055, T. Spiesen, 25th Tyr, Norwegian str., 1,718, D. L. Danielsen, 26th Dec. - Hongay 23rd Dec., Coal.-

Sander, Wieler & Co. BRITISH WARSHIPS. December,-Salina Cruz 14th Nov.-China | Alacrity, British despatch-boat, 1,700, Comdr R. M. Harbard.

> ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, Rowland Nugent. BRITO MART, British gunboat, 710, Com. T. D.

> Pratt. CHERUB, water tank and tug. GLORY, British battleship, 13,000, Hon. W. G.

-Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal.-M. B. HANDY, torpedo boat destroyer. HUMBER, British storeship, 1,400, P. M. Bindore.

TAKU. British destroyer, 250, Cranford.

TAMAR, receiving ship, Commodore C. G. Dicken. THETIS, British cruiser, J. C. A. Wilkinson. Tween, British gunboat, 362, R. H. Keate. VENGEANCE, British battleship, 12,950, L. C.

Stuart. VIRAGO, torpedo-boat destroyer. GOLDMOUTH, British str., 4,863, Starkey, 1st | WATERWITCH, British surveying ship, 630, Comdr. E. C. Hardy.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS. ADAMASTOR, Portuguese craiser, 1,960, Ribeiro. 25th Dec.,-Takao 24th Dec.-Douglas | Callao, U.S. gunboat, 235, Lieut. Dismaker. FURST BISMARCK, German cruiser, 11,000,

GENERAL ALAVA, American transport, Captain

Mirte. LUCHS, German gamboat, 85°, Kroencke. SPERBER, German gunboat, 1,857, Oxe. VASCO DA GAMA. Portuguese cruiser, 3,00), Vasco de Carvalho,

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The steamer Lyra left Victoria on the

The steamer Germanicus left Victoria (B.C.)

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Dec. 9th-Benlaria, Glaucus, Glenroy, Heath-

glen, Wray Castle. 13th-Palma, Spezia, Persia,

Duncarn, Thode, Fagelund, Bayern. 16th-Ajax.

Andalusia, hrisgovia, Salazie. 20th-Ernest

Simons, Quinda. 25th-Alesia, Idomeneus, Kai-

sow, Machaon, Radnorshire, Slavonia, Heath-

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The P. & O. steamer Coromondel left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec. at noon, and is due here on the 31st Dec. about noon. THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. steamer Seydlitz left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 3rd Jan.

The I.G.M. steamer Bayern left Colombo on Saturday, p.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 5th Jan.

THE CANADIAN MAIL. Jaulet, Ambroise, F. Murakami, and Miss T. The C.P.R. steamer Empress of India left Vancouver on Monday, the 26th Dec., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS. The Glen Line steamer Glenlogan left Singapore on the 22nd Dec., and is due here to day. The N.C. steamer Taiyuan, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due

here to day. The steamer Shimosa left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec. The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Pricen left Singapore on the 24th Dec. at daylight, and is one

here to morrow. The U.S.S. & C.M. steamer Deucalion left Moji on the 26th Dec. at daylight, and is due here about the 31st Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer Arcadia, from Haml arg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th Dec, p.m., and is due here on the 31st Dec.

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